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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/08/1999

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From: New York

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Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

DATE: 03-29-2006

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REASON: 1.4. (C)

Classification per OGA letter

Case ID #: (U) 265A-NY-252802 (Pending) DECLASSIFY ON: 03-27-2031

Title: (U) Manila Air;
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Comments: (S) (U) Summary of information obtained from the [REDACTED]
with regard to Manila Air fugitive Khalid Shaikh [REDACTED] (S)

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Details: (S) (U) The Manila Air investigation was initiated in January 1995 when a terrorist plot was uncovered in Manila, the Philippines. Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, the FBI top ten fugitive wanted for the bombing of the World Trade Center, conspired with others to plant explosive devices aboard American jetliners while those aircraft were scheduled to be airborne and loaded with passengers on their way to the United States. Yousef (Pakistan), Wali Khan Amin Shah (Malaysia), and Abdul Hakim Murad (Philippines) were subsequently arrested, rendered to the FBI-NYO, and convicted in the Southern District of New York.

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As a result of the continuing investigation, another conspirator was identified and in January of 1996 Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was indicted for his involvement in the Manila conspiracy. The indictment of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was sealed at the time. On January 8, 1998, the indictment was unsealed and Khalid qualified for inclusion in the State Department's Rewards Program.

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(S) [redacted] (S)

Representatives from State Security provided the following information:

(S) [redacted]
(S) [redacted] (S)
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The [redacted] authorities described Khalid Shaikh Mohammed as a Pakistani National whose full name is Khalid Al-Sheikh Muhammad Ali Doustun Al-Baloushi, Aka Abu Hamza. He was born in Kuwait in 1965 and stayed there through secondary school. In 1984 he traveled to the United States where he earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He returned to Kuwait, and unable to find employment, left for Peshawar, Pakistan in 1989, where he joined the Hizbul-Ittihad El-Islami (Islamic Union Party), the Abdul Rasoul Sayyaf Group. In 1992 he went to Qatar and worked for the Ministry of Electricity in Doha until 1996. Pursued by U.S. authorities for his involvement with Ramzi Yousef, he traveled to Afghanistan and joined the Islamic Union Party Leadership. As of August 1998, he was working as an escort for Sheikh Abdul Rasoul Sayyaf, chief of the Islamic Union Party.

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LEAD(S) :

Set Lead 1:

National Security

at Radical Fundamentalist Unit

In order to avoid duplication of efforts, FBIHQ is requested to check with the [redacted] (S)

above while in the UAE, as to any available subscriber information on the [redacted] (S)

Set Lead 2:

Bangkok

at Bangkok Thailand

For information

Set Lead 3:

Islamabad

at Islamabad, Pakistan

Legat Islamabad is requested [redacted] e
Liaison in an attempt to determine the [redacted]
[redacted] In addition, if possible, Legat Islamabad is requested to obtain [redacted] (S) (S) that may be available. (S)

Set Lead 4:

Manila

at Manila, Philippines

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Set Lead 5:

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Riyadh

at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

For information

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